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In re application of: SUSUMU SUZUKI *et al.* Application No.: 10/684,210 Filed: October 10, 2003 For: METHOD FOR CONTROLLING STORAGE DEVICE CONTROLLER, STORAGE DEVICE CONTROLLER, AND PROGRAM Customer No.: 20350	Confirmation No.: 2890 Examiner: Safet Metjahic Technology Center/Art Unit: 2161 **SECOND PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

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Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

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